

ants, the echo of delighted laughter and much slapping of ample thighs returns. — TORBEN B. LARSEN, 23 Jackson's Lane, Highgate, London, N.6.

EARLY SIGHTING OF A RED ADMIRAL. — On returning to my home near Lymington for lunch, on the 24th January at 13.05 hrs., I was pleased to see a Red Admiral resting on the wall of my bungalow and basking in the afternoon sun. This was one of several days when the sun shone strongly in an otherwise bleak month. — ALEC HARMER, "Covertside", Sway Road, Lymington, Hants. 6.ii.80.

THE SMALL TORTOISESHELL IN FLIGHT IN FEBRUARY. — I wish to report the sighting of one specimen of *Aglais urticae* L. in flight along the base of chalk cliffs at the eastern end of Pegwell Bay, on Sunday 17th February, sex not determined. At the time of 11.30 a.m., weather unusually warm for time of year, very still with almost cloudless sky. This represents the earliest sighting of this species that I can remember. Previous years' records of mine show around 24th March as the usual time for *A. urticae* to appear on the wing. — CHRISTOPHER J. RANDALL, "Driftwood", The Old Coastguards, Pegwell Bay, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 0NH. 18.ii.80.

A THIRD RECORD OF EURRHYPARA PERLUCIDALIS (HBN.) FOR KENT. — A worn specimen of this Pyralid which was present in my m.v. moth trap at Newington, near Sittingbourne on the morning of 15th July 1979 would appear to be the third record of this local moth for the county. The other two reported captures were from Ham Fen, near Deal in 1960 (*Ent. Rec.*, 72: 173) and Aylesford in 1976 (*Ent. Rec.*, 89: 264). — V. D. TAYLOR, 40 Bull Lane, Newington, Kent.

BEHAVIOUR OF PAINTED LADY (CYNTHIA CARDUI L.). — I discovered a Painted Lady roosting on the edge of a wood during the later part of November 1979. A series of observations revealed that this butterfly, on suitable days, regularly flew direct to a field about one third of a mile away to feed on dandelions. The flight was made after a brief bask in mid-morning, and involved crossing two other fields over the brow of a hill. The last two dates of observation were December 3rd and 6th after which the weather was unsuitable. The autumn was unusually mild, two female Meadow Browns (*Maniola jurtina* L.) being seen by me in the same field, feeding on dandelions, on October 31st. Both were in quite fair condition and would certainly have survived into November. — A. ARCHER-LOCK, 4 Glenwood Road, Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon.

CALOPTILIA SEMIFASCIA (HAWORTH) IN KENT. — On the evening of 25th August 1979, I was pleased to beat a single adult *C. semifascia* Haw. from a gigantic Field Maple on the fringe of Steps Hill Wood, Stockbury; a further visit two days later produced an additional specimen. Although generally locally common, this is believed to be the first recorded occurrence in Kent. — N. F. HEAL, Fosters, Detling Hill, Nr. Maidstone, Kent.